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2. During the course of a perusal of USAF Air Navigation Chart AN-122 (Eastern Europe-3rd Edition), prompted largely by curiosity and nostalgia, [redacted] commented that he failed to find any evidence of several towns which he personally recalled. These towns, eight in number, are all on the south bank of the Hron River, the first located about 28 kilometers from Banska Bystrica shown at approximately 19 degrees 10 minutes east-48 degrees 50 minutes north. It is called Salkaova.
3. The exact locations of the other seven communities are not clear, but their names, from west to east are as follows: Slobenska Lupka, Luciatin, Madzi brod, Svety Ondray, [Svety Ondrej?], Nemecka, Dubova and Zamostie.
4. Exactly south of the river and between Nemecka and Dubova is a large underground gasoline storage development. This site was constructed to store approximately a six-month supply of gasoline from the large refineries located between the little community of Dubova and Zamostie. During World War II the refineries were destroyed by US bombers. However, the underground storage facilities were not destroyed, and this was one of the sources of gasoline for the German Air Force and Army that supplied them for months, after all refining and import of oil had been interrupted. This underground storage facility is not discernible from the air. It is built under a mountain and the area generally is heavily forested. This is the second largest underground storage facility in Czechoslovakia. The raw petroleum comes to this refinery from the Ploesti oil fields of Rumania.

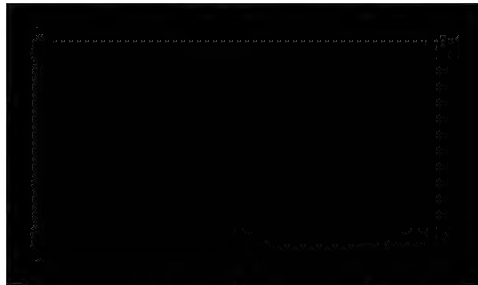
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5. [REDACTED] was not able to pinpoint the largest underground facility. However, it can be located in a general area. On the same map /described above/, there are two small cities approximately 30 kilometers apart on the river Vah, "18 degrees and 30 minutes east - 49 degrees and 15 minutes north. Between the two small cities of Puchon/sic/ and Ziliva/sic/, and close to the river, is the largest underground installation in Czechoslovakia, and possibly in eastern Europe. This is a new and modern installation. It holds a sufficient amount of gasoline to maintain a large air force or mechanical force for many, many months. In connection with this underground gasoline storage area, there is also a very large underground ammunition dump; and as part of the same installation, a large gun and munitions plant. All of these installations are underground and are not readily identifiable as a result of aerial survey.

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